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FM AMEMBASSY LISBON

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INFO AMEMBASSY MADRID

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AMCONSUL PONTA DELGADA

C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 4493

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB, PINT, PO

SUBJ: INTERSINDICAL CALLS GENERAL STRIKE

REF: LISBON 4417

1. A HALF HOUR GENERAL STRIKE CALLED BY INTERSINDICAL OCCURRED 11:00 TO 11:30 A.M. JULY 2. STRIKE WAS CALLED TO PROTEST BOMB EXPLOSION AT DOOR OF INTERSINDICAL HEADQUARTERS DURING NIGHT OF JUNE 29-30 (SEPTTEL). PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATE STRIKE HAD GENERALLY POOR RESPONSE. AMCONSUL OPORTO STATE STRIKE CALL WAS IGNORED BY WORKERS IN NORTHERN PORTUGAL. STRIKE CAUSED WORK STOPPAGES IN SOME FACTORIES IN LISBON INDUSTRIAL BELT BUT HAD NO EFFECT IN DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL AREA.

2. COMMENT: IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT WORKER REACTION TO THE STRIKE CALL WAS MIXED EVEN IN THE LISBON INDUSTRIAL BELT. SOME MULTINATIONAL FIRMS HAVING MILITANTLY COMMUNIST UNIONS WERE UNAFFECTED BY WORK STOPPAGES. IN OTHER FIRMS SOME WORKERS, INCLUDING KNOWN PCP MEMBERS, REJECTED THE STOPPAGE WHILE OTHERS

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HONORED THE STRIKE.

3. INTERSINDICAL OFFICES HAVE BEEN BOMBED OR BURNED IN LISBON, BRAGA, VISEU, OPORTO, AND AVEIRO DURING THE PAST YEAR. HOWEVER, THE RECENT BOMBING IN LISBON FALLS OUTSIDE OF THE PATTERN OF SPONTANEOUS VIOLENCE WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST OF THESE ATTACKS. INTERSINDICAL'S USE OF THIS FORTUITUOUS ATTACK AS A PRETEXT FOR CALLING A GENERAL SYMPATHY STRIKE PROVIDES CAUSE TO QUESTION WHETHER THIS INCIDENT MAY HAVE BEEN SELF-GENERATED.
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